# **Westford Recycling Commission**



# Trends in Westford Recycling Efforts (FY2014)

	Westford had a increase of 132.2 tons of recycling in FY2014 compared to the previous year.
Recycling	This is an 4.6 % increase over this period.

Westford had a decrease of 93.2 tons of trash in FY2014 compared to the previous year. This is a 1.2 % decrease in trash Trash during this period which resulted in tipping fees savings of \$6,805.06. The current tipping fee per ton of trash is \$73 which increased from \$71 starting in July 2013.

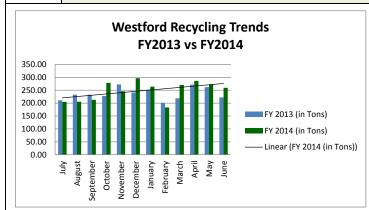
Recycling data show increase of 132.2 tons of recycling. Trash data show overall decrease of 93.2 tons of trash. Summary Tipping fees savings of \$6,805.06 in the FY2014.

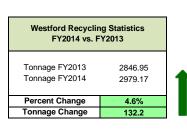
Overall positive trends in both recycling increases and trash reductions.

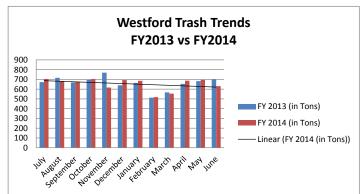
Notes regarding mandatory recycling

Westford began to enforce its "mandatory recycling" policy beginning the 1st of February 2013.

Since the WRC recommended to the Town of Westford management, the trends are showing positive results and it appears the policy is working effectively (in addition to increases in overall recycling activities).







Westford Trash Statistics FY2014 vs. FY2013										
Tonnage FY2013 7944.09										
Tonnage FY2014	7850.87									
Percent Change	-1.2%									
Tonnage Change	-93.2									
Tipping fee (decrease) \$ (6,805.06)										
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#### The Mission of the Westford Recycling Commission is to:

- Increase awareness of recycling benefits to the Town of Westford.
- 2. Educate Westford residents on recycling options.
- Provide opportunities for non-curbside recycling.
- 4. Implement programs that encourage diverting recyclables from the trash.



#### Westford Trash - Recycling Data and Statistics

The data shows recent trends in both recycling and trash tonnage

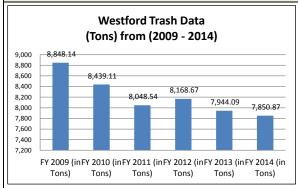
Values and figures in GREEN reflect a positive change in the trash reduction or recycling increases per the data Values and figures in RED reflect a negative change in the trash increases or recycling decrease per the data

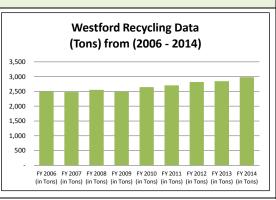
#### **Assumptions and Notes**

Residents are recycling less newspaper over the past few years. **Definition:** The **trash tipping fee** is the cost per ton of trash removed which includes incinerator and transport costs

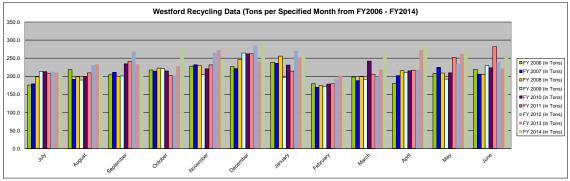
Trash tipping fee savings (or increases) are calculated on the difference in trash tonnage (month over month or year over year) The current tipping fee per ton is \$73 which increased from \$71 starting in July 2013.

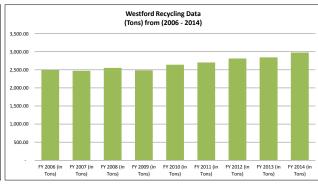
The cost to the Town of Westford for trash removal is based on a per ton fee, whereas recycling is a flat fee (weight independent). Source of trash comes from residence (homes), schools, town/municipal buildings, not commercial buildings or businesses. Source of recyclables comes from residence (homes), schools, town/municipal buildings, not commercial buildings or businesses



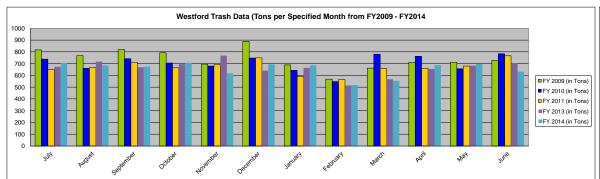


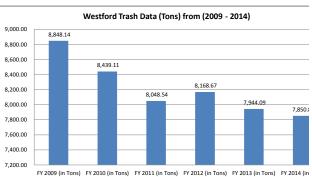
	Westford Recycling Data and Statistics																		
Monthly Recycling Data (per Westford Fiscal Year)									Re	ecycling (Ton	nage Change)	) per Fiscal Ye	ear	Recycling (% Change) per Fiscal Year					
Month	FY 2006 (in Tons)	FY 2007 (in Tons)	FY 2008 (in Tons)	FY 2009 (in Tons)	FY 2010 (in Tons)	FY 2011 (in Tons)	FY 2012 (in Tons)	FY 2013 (in Tons)	FY 2014 (in Tons)		Monthly FY2010 FY2011 Change (in Tons)		· Monthly FY2012 FY2013 Change (in Tons)		Monthly FY2009 - FY2010 % Change	Monthly FY2010 - FY2011 % Change	Monthly FY2011 - FY2012 % Change	Monthly FY2012 - FY2013 % Change	Monthly FY2013 FY2014 % Change
July	175.9	178.75	198.53	212.84	212.88	208.41	212.83	211.01	204.75	0.04	-4.47	4.42	-1.82	-6.26	0.02%	-2.10%	2.12%	-0.86%	-2.97%
August	218.6	191.16	198.43	189.35	198.96	209.26	230.38	232.96	205.36	9.61	10.30	21.12	2.58	-27.60	5.08%	5.18%	10.09%	1.12%	-11.85%
September	204.3	210.77	199.48	201.06	234.36	241.42	267.97	232.97	212.91	33.30	7.06	26.55	-35.00	-20.06	16.56%	3.01%	11.00%	-13.06%	-8.61%
October	217.3	214.26	222.75	221.50	214.54	202.24	202.26	227.93	278.56	-6.96	-12.30	0.02	25.67	50.63	-3.14%	-5.73%	0.01%	12.69%	22.21%
November	227.83	231.61	230.31	205.22	220.58	231.53	265.05	272.73	245.58	15.36	10.95	33.52	7.68	-27.15	7.48%	4.96%	14.48%	2.90%	-9.95%
December	227.23	221.22	245.96	264.47	262.03	262.33	285.33	241.59	296.73	-2.44	0.30	23.00	-43.74	55.14	-0.92%	0.11%	8.77%	-15.33%	22.82%
January	238.8	235.94	255.82	197.43	231.18	214.42	270.30	251.87	263.53	33.75	-16.76	55.88	-18.43	11.66	17.09%	-7.25%	26.06%	-6.82%	4.63%
February	179.26	169.75	174.52	172.07	178.58	179.66	191.40	201.14	183.12	6.51	1.08	11.74	9.74	-18.02	3.78%	0.60%	6.53%	5.09%	-8.96%
March	197.72	188.41	198.68	191.26	242.34	205.73	199.98	218.42	270.29	51.08	-36.61	-5.75	18.44	51.87	26.71%	-15.11%	-2.79%	9.22%	23.75%
April	180.44	202.13	215.42	210.17	214.98	216.94	217.75	272.06	286.18	4.81	1.96	0.81	54.31	14.12	2.29%	0.91%	0.37%	24.94%	5.19%
May	207.87	224.54	209.11	192.25	209.31	252.31	234.12	262.11	272.95	17.06	43.00	-18.19	27.99	10.84	8.87%	20.54%	-7.21%	11.96%	4.14%
June	219.27	205.87	205.27	229.92	223.09	282.10	239.25	222.16	259.21	-6.83	59.01	-42.85	-17.09	37.05	-2.97%	26.45%	-15.19%	-7.14%	16.68%
Recycling Total Tonnage per Fiscal Year	2,494.44	2,474.41	2,554.28	2,487.54	2,642.83	2,706.35	2,816.62	2,846.95	2,979.17	155.29	63.52	110.27	30.33	132.22	6.24%	2.40%	4.07%	1.08%	4.64%
Notes		Values and figures in GREEN reflect a positive change in recycling (increase).  Values and figures in RED reflect a negative change in the recycling (decrease).																	





	Westford Trash Data and Statistics																
Monthly Trash Data (per Westford Fiscal Year)									h (Tonnage Ch per Fiscal Year			Trash (% Change) per Fiscal Year					
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July	817.18	737.78	649.63	658.5	672.61	705.1	-79.4	-88.15	8.87	14.11	32.49	-9.72%	-11.95%	1.37%	2.14%	4.83%	
August	767.58	660.24	666.6	728.21	716.57	684.39	-107.34	6.36	61.61	-11.64	-32.18	-13.98%	0.96%	9.24%	-1.60%	-4.49%	
September	819.08	741.61	708.71	760.25	669.25	674.68	-77.47	-32.9	51.54	-91	5.43	-9.46%	-4.44%	7.27%	-11.97%	0.81%	
October	792.34	704.82	664.00	659.78	694.76	705.15	-87.52	-40.82	-4.22	34.98	10.39	-11.05%	-5.79%	-0.64%	5.30%	1.50%	
November	695.33	679.16	690.39	793.36	768.92	616.95	-16.17	11.23	102.97	-24.44	-151.97	-2.33%	1.65%	14.91%	-3.08%	-19.76%	
December	888.46	746.85	749.18	689.84	640.11	693.45	-141.61	2.33	-59.34	-49.73	53.34	-15.94%	0.31%	-7.92%	-7.21%	8.33%	
January	689.13	643.02	592.16	660.69	664.24	685.32	-46.11	-50.86	68.53	3.55	21.08	-6.69%	-7.91%	11.57%	0.54%	3.17%	
February	568.16	547.13	563.37	562.09	513.92	518.49	-21.03	16.24	-1.28	-48.17	4.57	-3.70%	2.97%	-0.23%	-8.57%	0.89%	
March	661.64	779.8	659.33	630.74	567.50	553.65	118.16	-120.47	-28.59	-63.24	-13.85	17.86%	-15.45%	-4.34%	-10.03%	-2.44%	
April	710.12	760.20	659.79	639.53	654.72	686.62	50.08	-100.41	-20.26	15.19	31.9	7.05%	-13.21%	-3.07%	2.38%	4.87%	
May	710.78	655.40	679.56	677.58	682.00	695.92	-55.38	24.16	-1.98	4.42	13.92	-7.79%	3.69%	-0.29%	0.65%	2.04%	
June	728.34	783.10	765.82	708.10	699.49	631.15	54.76	-17.28	-57.72	-8.61	-68.34	7.52%	-2.21%	-7.54%	-1.22%	-9.77%	
Trash Total Tonnage per Fiscal Year	8,848.14	8,439.11	8,048.54	8,168.67	7,944.09	7,850.87	-409.03	-390.57	120.13	-224.58	-93.22	-4.62%	-4.63%	1.49%	-2.75%	-1.17%	
Notes		Values and figures in GREEN reflect a trash reduction (This is a positive or good trend).  Values and figures in RED reflect a trash increase (This is a negative trend).															





# **Westford Population and Housing Data**

### **Population Data**

Total Westford Population: 22,624 (Urban: 22,043, Rural: 581 (all nonfarm) Source: City-Data)

Total Westford Population: 20,868 persons (Source: from Westford 2009 Census Returns)

Read more: http://www.city-data.com/housing/houses-Westford-Massachusetts.html#ixzz1Mnjilklg

### **Housing Data**

Total Westford Houses: 6,941 (6,808 occupied: 6,258 owner occupied, 550 renter occupied) Source: City-Data)

Total Westford Housing: 7,396 (Single 6,276, Condo 992, 2 Family 92, Multi-family 36) Source: Westford Assessors Office)

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Housing density: 227 houses/condos per square mile

Note: The WRC is currently updating these statistics....